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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TOURISM DISTRICT REPRESENTATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-393 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
4 consist of thirty-five voting commissioners and nonvoting ex-officio  
5 members. Such ex-officio members shall be the executive directors of  
6 the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and the Connecticut  
7 Humanities Council, the State Poet Laureate, the State Historian and  
8 the State Archaeologist. The State Poet Laureate, the State Historian  
9 and the State Archaeologist shall serve as commissioners without  
10 being appointed and without receiving compensation for such service.  
11 The remaining thirty commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

12 (1) The Governor shall appoint eight commissioners: (A) One  
13 commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience  
14 or interest in tourism from within the state; (B) three commissioners  
15 shall be individuals with knowledge of or experience or interest in  
16 history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an individual

17 with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; (D) one  
18 commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly  
19 to the production of digital media or motion pictures; and (E) two  
20 commissioners shall be selected at large.

21 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four  
22 commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with  
23 knowledge of or experience or interest in tourism from the  
24 southwestern tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B)  
25 one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or  
26 experience or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner  
27 shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in  
28 the arts; and (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with  
29 experience relating directly to the production of digital media or  
30 motion pictures.

31 (3) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint four  
32 commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with  
33 knowledge of or experience or interest in tourism from the central  
34 tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B) one  
35 commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience  
36 or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an  
37 individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and  
38 (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating  
39 directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

40 (4) The majority leader of the House of Representatives shall  
41 appoint three commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an  
42 individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in tourism from  
43 the south central tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B)  
44 one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or  
45 experience or interest in the arts; and (C) one commissioner shall be an  
46 individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital  
47 media or motion pictures.

48 (5) The majority leader of the Senate shall appoint three

49 commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with  
50 knowledge of or experience or interest in tourism from the eastern  
51 tourism district; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with  
52 knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and (C) one  
53 commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating directly  
54 to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

55 (6) The minority leader of the House of Representatives shall  
56 appoint four commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an  
57 individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in tourism from  
58 within the state; (B) one commissioner shall be an individual with  
59 knowledge of or experience or interest in history or humanities; (C)  
60 one commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or  
61 experience or interest in the arts; and (D) one commissioner shall be an  
62 individual with experience relating directly to the production of digital  
63 media or motion pictures.

64 (7) The minority leader of the Senate shall appoint four  
65 commissioners: (A) One commissioner shall be an individual with  
66 knowledge of or experience or interest in tourism from the  
67 northwestern tourism district, established under section 10-397; (B) one  
68 commissioner shall be an individual with knowledge of or experience  
69 or interest in history or humanities; (C) one commissioner shall be an  
70 individual with knowledge of or experience or interest in the arts; and  
71 (D) one commissioner shall be an individual with experience relating  
72 directly to the production of digital media or motion pictures.

73 (b) Each commissioner shall serve a term that is coterminous with  
74 such commissioner's appointing authority. [No member of a board of  
75 directors of a regional tourism district may serve as a commissioner of  
76 the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.]

77 (c) The commission shall have an executive director, appointed by  
78 the Governor in accordance with the provisions of chapter 46, who  
79 shall administer the commission in accordance with subsection (e) of  
80 this section. The voting commissioners shall elect annually: A

81 commissioner from among the voting commissioners to serve as  
82 chairperson of the commission, one commissioner as vice-chairperson,  
83 and other commissioners as officers. Such commissioners shall  
84 establish bylaws as necessary for the operation of the commission.  
85 Commissioners shall receive no compensation for the performance of  
86 their duties, but may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses  
87 incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission shall meet  
88 at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times as  
89 the chairperson deems necessary or upon the request of a majority of  
90 commissioners in office.

91 (d) Thirteen voting commissioners of the board shall constitute a  
92 quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting  
93 commissioners present at a meeting of the commission shall be  
94 sufficient for any action taken by the commission. No vacancy of a  
95 commissioner shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the  
96 rights and perform all the duties of the commission. Any action taken  
97 by the commission may be authorized by resolution at any regular or  
98 special meeting and shall take effect immediately unless otherwise  
99 provided in the resolution.

100 (e) The executive director of the commission shall administer the  
101 commission, subject to the supervision of the commissioners. The  
102 executive director shall have the authority to administer all laws under  
103 the jurisdiction of the commission and the power and authority to:  
104 Coordinate, and direct the operation of the commission; establish rules  
105 for the internal operation of the commission; contract for facilities,  
106 services and programs to implement the purposes of the commission  
107 established by law, and enter into agreements for funding from private  
108 sources, including corporate donations and other commercial  
109 sponsorships. The executive director is authorized to do all things  
110 necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any funds made  
111 available under any federal act for the purposes established under  
112 section 10-392. All funds received under this subsection shall be  
113 deposited into the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism

114 account, established under section 10-395. The executive director may  
115 enter into contracts with the federal government concerning the use of  
116 such funds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-393
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To modify the eligibility requirements for commissioners of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*